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## AN ARMY OF MEN WILL GO TO WORK

Order Given to Resume Construction of Holston River Line.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, VA., December 19.—Announcement was officially made here to-night by General Manager J. H. McCue, of the Virginia and Southwestern, that construction work on the Holston River Railroad, the proposed trunk line through East Tennessee into the Southwest Virginia coal fields, would be resumed at once. The grading for the new road is 75 per cent. completed, work having been suspended immediately following the panic of 1907, and since that time no attention whatever had been paid to the important project.

**Will Award Contracts.**  
Mr. McCue made the first announcement to-night that work is to be resumed. He stated that W. H. Wells, engineer of construction of the Virginia and Southwestern, with headquarters at Washington, would at once award the contracts for the construction work, and forces large enough to complete it within six months would be put to work. It is expected that trains will be in operation over the new road within six months.

The new road gives the Southern, which also owns the Virginia and Southwestern, another tap into the coal fields of Southwest Virginia, and puts the coal fields sixty miles nearer their markets in the Carolinas and Georgia. It extends from the Southern terminus in Hawkins county, through East Tennessee into Southwest Virginia, connecting with the Virginia and Southwestern at Mountain Gap. A small army of men will be employed in the completion of the road.

## RACY TESTIMONY IN DIVORCE CASE

Suit of Dr. Wilson, in Baltimore, Implicates Several of Prominence.

MINISTER IS ENTANGLED

Suit Against Him Brought by Plaintiff—He Doesn't Know Why.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BALTIMORE, MD., December 19.—Rev. Dr. R. S. Coupland, the Episcopal minister, against whom Dr. P. B. Wilson has entered suit for \$20,000 damages, was the principal witness to-day in the Wilson divorce case, in which ex-Senator Wellington has been named as correspondent. He appeared for the defense, and his testimony tended to show that a Miss Davis, from whom Wilson rented his house, frequently visited the doctor, and caused trouble between him and his wife. He said that Dr. Wilson had told him all about the trouble with his wife, and about the charges that had been made connecting his name with that of Miss Davis, and Dr. Coupland said he advised him to keep Miss Davis away from the house.

**Another Woman in Case.**  
"Dr. Wilson told me he would do so," continued Dr. Coupland, "but subsequently Mrs. Wilson called on me and told me Miss Davis continued to go there, and that she had witnesses to prove it. This made me very indignant, as I had told Dr. Wilson I would not continue to be his friend unless her visits ceased; so I wrote Dr. Wilson a pretty stiff note on the subject. This caused the only misunderstanding that, so far as I know, has ever arisen between us."

"I saw later the persons whose names Mrs. Wilson had given me as witnesses, and they told me Miss Davis had been visiting the place. I then called on Dr. Wilson, and he told me as Miss Davis owned the house, he could not prevent her coming there, and as he assured me the relations between them were those of old friends, and were entirely innocent, I again became his friend, and that friendship has continued without interruption from that day to this."

**Minister Is Defendant.**  
Mr. Colton, counsel for Mrs. Wilson, here broke in with: "You are the defendant in a suit for \$20,000 brought by Dr. Wilson, and yet you tell the judge that you are, so far as you know, on terms of perfect friendship with him."

"I do," I haven't the slightest idea why it was brought, nor what it is about."

"Was it brought because you were expected to be a witness in this divorce case?"

Before the minister could reply Thomas C. Weeks, Dr. Wilson's lawyer, was on his feet.

"I object and protest against such an insinuation," he shouted. "I am counsel for Dr. Wilson in that suit, and it is a reflection upon my professional reputation to say that it was brought because Dr. Coupland was expected to testify in this case."

Mr. Colton disavowed any intention of reflecting upon Mr. Weeks, and the object of the suit was dropped. And nobody knows yet, so far as any evidence in the divorce case or any statements by those interested is concerned, what on earth that damage suit is about.

**Respondent Testifies.**  
Mrs. Tolitha V. Wilson, the respondent in the case, was the next witness. Responding to questions by Mr. Colton, she entered a general denial of the charges made by her husband connecting her name with that of ex-Senator Wellington. Her relations with the Senator were those of a friend, nothing more, she said. She branded as a falsehood the statement that Senator Wellington had put his arm around her at her Druid Hill Avenue residence.

Next came Dr. Rohrbach, Mrs. Wilson's father. He said he was Senator Wellington's friend. Dr. Wilson's story that Dr. Rohrbach came to his office a few days after the birth of his child and made admissions, during an angry tirade, connecting Mrs. Wilson's name with that of Senator Wellington, was branded as an "untruth" by Dr. Rohrbach.

Dr. Rohrbach admitted that Senator Wellington had often helped him out financially.

"Why, right now if I should be pressed for money, all I'd have to do would be to telegraph him, and he'd let me have \$1,000."

"Oh! Is that so. Now, why does he give you money like this?"

"Because he has a friendly feeling towards me."

Dr. Rohrbach also admitted that Senator Wellington paid part of his daughter's schooling expenses.

**MASONIC MEETING.**  
Annual Banquet, With Many Orators Present.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WILMINGTON, DE., December 19.—There was a big gathering of the Masonic fraternity not only of the Northern Neck, but of the entire State, at Kingsland this evening to attend the annual banquet and installation of officers of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 212, A. F. and A. M., which was held in the Masonic Temple at that place. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. C. C. Baker, of Montross, and the following toasts were responded to: "Jewels of a Master Mason," Right Worshipful W. J. Phillips, of Tappahannock; "Institution of Masonry," Right Worshipful K. Bauman, of Essex; "The Tenets of Masonry," Right Worshipful R. A. Fitzhugh, of Middlesex.

Dr. W. N. Chinn, the retiring worshipful master, was presented with a handsome master jewel, the presentation address being delivered by Hon. T. J. Downing, of Lancaster. An address was also delivered by Right Worshipful J. Alston Cabell, of Richmond. Grand Master Hon. J. W. Eggleston, of Richmond, was present, and delivered the following newly elected officers: C. C. Field, worshipful master; A. B. Garner, senior warden; T. N. Massey, junior warden; F. A. Dameron, treasurer; George Vansant, secretary. Plates were spread for 200 guests, and the banquet, which was presided over by Dr. W. N. Chinn, was the greatest affair of its kind ever held in this entire section.

**HOLLAND WILL HEARING.**  
One Witness Testifies He Was Told Will Was Destroyed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, VA., December 19.—One witness, Joseph F. Holland, was examined to-day in the celebrated Zachary T. Holland case, a divorce suit, which is believed to have led to the killing of Tiberius Gracchus Jones by Sam Hardy. Holland, who was summoned by the contestees, testified that Zachary Holland told him about two years ago that he had received the will from Mrs. Gertrude Vaughan Smith, in whose custody it had been and had devised the proceedings to perpetuate evidence preliminary to the entering of a suit to establish the will, which was a settlement of the aged financier and claims to have been the principal beneficiary in the will, which, it is alleged, was found and destroyed after Holland's death.

**Masons Elect Officers.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SAITVILLE, VA., December 19.—The annual election of officers of William King Lodge, No. 227, A. F. and A. M., was held in Masonic Hall. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: J. S. Goetzlous, worshipful master; H. A. Miller, senior warden; J. F. Watson, junior warden; W. S. Jennings, secretary; T. B. Hobbs, treasurer; George P. Buchanan, senior deacon; M. S. Dunham, junior deacon; Henry E. Dixon, tiler; A. H. Finks, steward.

**Charged With Embezzlement.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ROANOKE, VA., December 19.—J. S. Yoder, who has for many years held the position of chairman of the Locomotive Firemen, of the Norfolk and Western division, was arrested to-day upon a warrant sworn out charging him with embezzling \$900 of the joint protective fund of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers.

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## RIVALRY MAY YET END IN TRAGEDY

Murderous Assault Likely to Result in Death of Ernest E. Wilson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, VA., December 19.—The rivalry which existed between Ernest E. Wilson and Fairlee F. Brinkley, suitors for the hand of pretty Miss Pearl Clark, of Front Royal, Va., may have a tragic sequel. Wilson is a sawmill owner near Nurey's Siding, Va., and Brinkley a well-known farmer and member of the Nansemond county Democratic Executive Committee. Miss Clark, who taught in the neighborhood, boarded at the home of Brinkley's father, L. Park Brinkley.

The men had a falling out, and had blood had existed between them for a long time. As weeks and months passed their hostility increased rather than relaxed. Yesterday the climax came, and as the outcome of an assault made upon Wilson by Brinkley, the former's life hangs in the balance. With his skull crushed, lying in a state of coma at Lakeview Sanatorium, and not having regained consciousness for thirty hours, Wilson to-night is in the hands of surgeons, who are seeking to save his life by a trephine operation. The result cannot be foretold. He does not even recognize his bride



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WALDROP, of Hylas, who were married at Hylas last week. Mrs. Waldrop is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Holman.

of something over a year, formerly Miss Pearl Clark.

The road to Wilson's Mill passes over land owned by Brinkley's father, who had the privilege of hauling away slabs to be used as firewood. Knowing the enmity existing between the young men, and constantly in awe of tragic results, Wilson's father, Isaac T. Wilson, says he had repeatedly warned Fairlee Brinkley to stay away from the mill. He said his father or any employee was welcome to haul all the wood needed, but Fairlee was urged to keep away at all hazards. Yesterday the latter drove in the mill in a cart to carry wood away. He was approached by the older Wilson, who again entreated him to go away. The men exchanged hot words. Ernest Wilson approached the cart and placed a hand upon the railing. Brinkley, yet in the vehicle, grabbed a stout stick and dealt Wilson a powerful blow on the head. Wilson fell, and has not since uttered an intelligible word.

**Fled in Terror.**  
Angry mill operators gathered about the cart threateningly. Brinkley, in terror, believing his own life in his cart and horse.

The older Wilson, in telling of the assault upon his only son to-night, broke down and wept like a child. He says Ernest had not uttered a word, nor did he have anything in his hand with which to make an attack upon Brinkley. Brinkley pleads self-defense. He says Wilson, with a piece of wood in his hand, was trying to enter his cart.

Brinkley was arrested by Officer A. L. Harrell and taken before Justice J. B. Harrell, of the county, who released him in \$250 bond for his appearance in Suffolk to-day. This afternoon his attorneys, Colonel E. E. Holland and Judge R. H. Dabery, appeared before Justice J. B. Harrell and made formal application for bail, which was granted in the sum of \$2,000, with the defendant, his father, R. Frank Rogers and Charles Byrd as sureties.

The only witness examined to establish the assault were Dr. D. L. Harrell, who declined to make a prognosis; Rufus Harrell, Isaac T. Wilson and the defendant. The preliminary trial was set for December 28th. The Wilsons formerly were of Salisbury, Md., but for several years have been engaged in the lumber business in Virginia.

**Alleged Burglar Arrested.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., December 19.—Arthur Harris (colored) was to-day arrested on the charge of being the burglar who has been making wholesale raids on the cottages of Ocean View and Willoughby Spite. It has been a regular epidemic in that section for two months past, and the depredations continued despite the vigilance of the county officers. Harris was caught with a pile of stolen goods on his person, and when ex-

amined a number of the missing articles reported from residences entered were found.

**MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH.**

Young Man Caught in Belt and Thrown Onto a Saw.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C., December 19.—A most lamentable accident occurred about three miles from here this morning. Mr. John Grant, a prosperous young farmer, was caught in the belting of his gin and thrown upon a cut-off saw he was running. The young man's body was terribly cut and mangled before the saw could be stopped. He lived several hours, expiring about 2 P. M.

Mr. Grant, who came of a most excellent family, was broadly known in

this end of Northampton county. He was married about two years ago to a daughter of Mr. E. M. Clements, of Stancell, N. C. His wife and an infant child survive him.

**Attempted to Shoot.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BURLINGTON, N. C., December 19.—A tragedy was narrowly averted to-night by the quick work of Officers Pottle and McDade. While in the act of arresting T. A. Lamm upon the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, Lamm attempted to bring his gun into action, but the officers, being on their guard, were too quick for him, and promptly relieved him of his weapon. Lamm was placed under \$250 bond for his appearance Monday for a preliminary hearing.

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Little Straight, quart bottles ..... \$3.00  
Old Becham, quart bottle ..... \$3.00  
Port Rye, quart bottle ..... \$3.50  
Kenton Valley, quart bottle ..... \$3.50  
Old Veteran, quart bottle ..... \$3.00  
Rock and Rye, quart bottle ..... \$3.00

**Wines.**

**Bottled at Distillery.**

Rhine, quart bottle ..... \$4.00  
California Claret, quart bottle ..... \$3.00  
Old Virginia Claret, quart bottle ..... \$3.50  
California Port, quart bottle ..... \$3.50  
California Sherry, quart bottle ..... \$3.50

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London Guinness Porter, per doz. bottles ..... \$2.00  
Domestic Ales, per doz. bottles ..... \$1.00  
Domestic Porter, per doz. bottles ..... \$1.00  
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Sweet Blackberry Wine, per gallon ..... \$3.00  
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